Decision Notice For Proposed Speck Water Line

Region Four 6400 Giant Springs Road Great Falls, MT. 59406

April 1, 1999

Description of Proposed Action:

FWP proposes to allow the City of Great Falls and easement to allow construction of a water line across state park properties to service the R.O. Speck Golf Course.

Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based on the analysis in the EA, I find the project as proposed to be the preferred alternative. This alternative will enhance the ongoing cooperation between FWP and the City of Great Falls.

One comment was made by the State Historic Preservation Office. They are concerned that adequate cultural research has not been performed on this property. FWP concurs with the SHPO comment and is making this decision dependant upon the city performing a cultural assessment which satisfies the SHPO concerns. No other impact were identified and no other comments were received by FWP during the 30 day comment period. With SHPO clearance the EA will be accepted as the final EA. Both SHPO and the City of Great Falls are aware of this caveat and will quickly move to obtain SHPO clearance within the mandatory 30 day appeal process.

I have reviewed the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

This action is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director in writing, and postmarked within 30 days of the date on this decision notice. The appeal must specifically describe the basis for the appeal, explain how appellant has previously commented to the Department or participated in the decision-making process, and lay out how FWP might address the concerns in the appeal.

The Environmental assessment may be viewed, or obtained from The Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks, Region 4, 4600 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, MT. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, or the final EA please direct requests and questions to:

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Miko Aderhold - Region Four Supervisor

Date / April 1999

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